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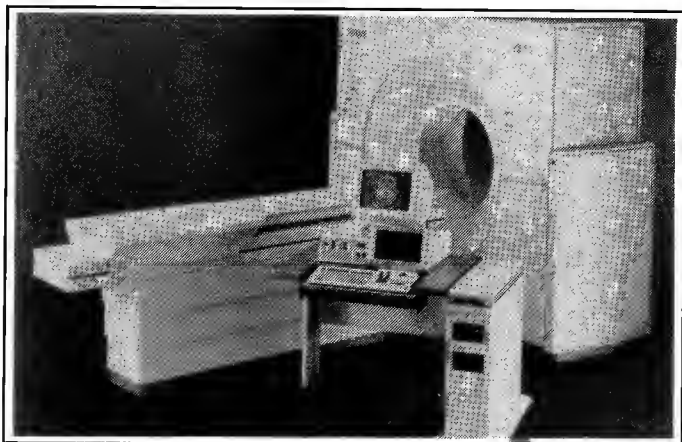
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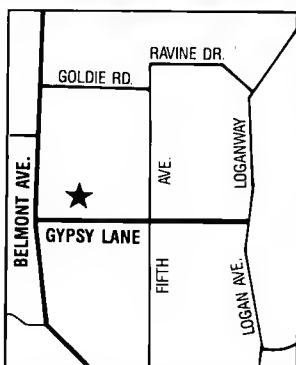
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## **Murky Health Care Waters Portend Political Turbulence Ahead**

**W**e have all survived the cognitive assault of the various local, state, and national politicians. The elections are over, and those newly elected will be taking their places of responsibility in the next few months. In Ohio, Representative Wayne Jones (Democrat - Akron), the author of House Bill 478, won reelection as did one of the OSMA's staunchest allies, Representative Dale Vyven (Republican - Cincinnati). Rose Vesper, an OSMA Auxilian, won her race for the Ohio House. However, the health care waters are as murky now as they were before the election. Nonetheless, the current is definitely flowing and will escalate in turbulence. We're each going to have to paddle not only our own canoes, but we're also going to have to care enough about our individual and collective futures and those of our patients to pay increasingly close attention to upcoming buoys and depth markers. There is not a shadow of doubt in my mind and in the minds of those much wiser than I that changes of dramatic import loom in the coming months.

A number of directional changes may develop. President-elect Clinton has stated that one of his first priorities in the first 100 days in office will be to at least address an early recommendation for health care change. This may well be represented as a delegation to develop new programs at the state level. At the time of this writing, President-elect Clinton has not yet chosen his cabinet or his primary health care advisers. Regardless of how health care is addressed at that level, root level of concern about health care is far too great for it to be ignored at any level. Therefore, it is extremely important that we stay aware and informed and remain willing to communicate our concerns and suggestions on pa-

per to appropriate legislators.

Dr. Dan Handel has done a superb job of helping to keep us informed through our County Medical Society of state level directions. We all thought that it was reasonable and important to support OMPAC and AMPAC before the election. The need for that support may be even greater now. Lobbying will be intense at both the state and national levels reflecting the interests of the insurance companies, HMO's, extended care facilities, and we, as physicians, must be vocal as well.

I hear comments that OMPAC and AMPAC personnel may not represent individual feelings. One way to insure that this does happen is to communicate individual feelings along with financial support. Supporting OMPAC and AMPAC are our best ways to help facilitate this.

Legislators do pay attention to written communications. We have been told that phone contacts are of less lasting impact. One legislator, in talking with members of Council, said sometimes Washington legislators will stack written communications for and against a certain issue, and the weight of those written communications may actually be considered. Should we then write on our heaviest stationery? Although the comment was made in jest, I have no way of being certain that it may not have some validity.

As noted by Dr. Lucas in his commentary in the November issue of *OHIO Medicine*, the Ohio State Medical Association is developing a committee to address concerns of managed health care. It is hoped this committee will facilitate communication between physicians and managed health care providers. Managed care is being addressed even on morning national public radio programs. Translated into prac-

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*Jane F. Butterworth, MD*

tical ramifications for us and our patients, we need to be sure that this does not become equated with unmanageably restricted or rationed care. Obviously, it is almost predictable that there will be strict control over provider fees which will reflect in our ability to care for our patients. As we address the issues of change, which have been rather monumental in the 12 years in which I've been in private practice, I think the next few months may well make the previous changes appear paltry by comparison. As I put down my dictaphone, it landed on a rather interesting, brightly colored magazinelike advertisement for *Wellness Today*. There were promises to open my clogged arteries without drugs or surgery, provide new treatment to reverse memory loss, and suggestions to lower my blood pressure in the safest way possible without medication. It was suggested that I could subscribe to this journal and thus say no to surgery. I'm not quite sure what particular enormous problems I would be avoiding, except perhaps to avoid medication and surgeons in general.

This flyer also related to the reader that physicians are not telling their patients about nutrition or medicinal herbs or healing foods. We are also accused as physicians of not sharing with our patients how their spirits can be lifted, pounds shed, and blood streams defatted. We are also holding back information on the cancer process and how to invigorate sex life. There as an adorable picture of a macrophage cell magnified 30,000 times, stating that this is the heart of the human immune system. This, not drugs, is the real basis of fighting disease. Is this the future that we want for ourselves and our patients and for health care in America?

One voice does make a difference. Many

voices together can raise a sufficiently loud noise to rise above the annoyance level and indeed work to produce beneficial changes in the direction chosen. Therefore, I would like to charge you with the responsibility to raise your voice, with intelligence and knowledge and concern, so that the patients of tomorrow, who will include each of us, will not merely subscribe to journals and bypass physicians altogether. I still feel strongly that physicians are the best educated and safest source of health care in our country. Our legislators also need to be aware of this. At least for the time being, I think that I will put my faith in the current established care system in our country and forego subscribing to *Wellness Today*. However, if any of you do choose to subscribe, I trust you will share any juicy bits of relevant information with those of us who remain more conservative in our hopes for health care in America. □

**T**he following applications for membership were approved by Council:

*Active:*

**Michael J. Cannone, MD**  
**Dianne B. Miladore, MD**  
**Gary K. SeGall Ph.D., MD**

*First Year in Practice:*

**Antoine E. Chahine, MD**  
**Anthony F. Cutrona, MD**  
**Prem L. Mehandru, MD**  
**Richard G. Nord, MD**

Information pertinent to the applicants should be sent to the Board of Censors by December 31, 1992.

## Ramblings of the Editor

I will apologize upfront for this month's editorial. It seems more a flight of ideas than an article based on a single issue. One might think that I forgot my Haldol today or I have been reading too many Larry King articles in *USA Today*.

It has been a very interesting year for me. Though I am certainly a neophyte in the politics of medicine, I have learned that we can make a difference and that there are physicians who are willing to make that extra effort and "put their money where their mouth is" to protect our interest. I was extremely impressed with the effort I saw in May of this year at the annual OSMA meeting. This legislative body seemed to work. People were able to put aside their egos and individual interests to get the legislation and resolutions passed.

I am apprehensive about being overrun by the government, especially when we don't know what the new government is going to do. We know that government often does things that do not make sense. This is a government that pays millions of dollars in government subsidies to tobacco growers, only to turn around and spend millions of dollars on cancer and cardiopulmonary research. It makes sense to me! Certainly we are going to see changes in the next several years, and we need to participate and help guide these changes. I certainly would like to see malpractice reform in the next several years. It would be diffi-

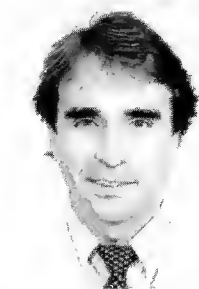
cult, if not impossible to discover the actual monies wasted by protective medicine in the United States; how many X-rays and lab tests are ordered yearly with the knowledge that the yield is extremely low, but we are afraid of missing something. How often do we put the octogenarian with pulmonary, cardiac, and renal failure in the ICU costing thousands of dollars a day because we are afraid to "Just say No." We are afraid the family will come back to haunt us in a court of law at some point. The likelihood that any malpractice legislation will be passed at the federal level in the next several years is very doubtful with President William and Hillary Clinton in the White House.

I am pleased by the number of new young members who have joined us in the last year and hope that they will become more active in the workings of the Society.

I would like to congratulate Jane Butterworth on her term as President of the Mahoning County Medical Society and thank her for allowing me to express my ideas over the last year. Finally I would like to thank Eleanor Pershing, our Executive Director without whom the Mahoning County Medical Society would surely flounder.

So maybe all my wishes will come true over the next year, although, the Indians didn't win the pennant, and we still have the Browns. Well, it's time to take my 4:00 p.m. dose of Haldol. □

*"It would be difficult, if not impossible, to discover the actual monies wasted by protective medicine in the United States..."*



Chris A. Knight, MD

### Health-O-Rama

The Mahoning County Medical Society will again participate in the Health-O-Rama scheduled for Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6, 1993, at the Southern Park

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# MCMS Holds September & November Meetings

## SEPTEMBER

The Mahoning County Medical Society held a dinner meeting at the Youngstown Club on September 15, 1992. Guest speaker for the evening was John Van Doorn, director of the department of legislation for OSMA. He discussed "Health Care Reform in the Ohio Legislature." Program chairman Dr. Kevin Nash introduced the speaker to the membership.

Prior to the business meeting, Auxiliary members Mrs. Dolly Handel and Mrs. Beth Bacari staffed a voter registration table, and Option Care representative Greg Krieger provided an infusion therapy product and service display.

The membership welcomed new member Dr. Anne McPherrren Stover. New resident members acknowledged were Drs. Ashish Gupta and Jeffrey Stover. Dr. Robert and Mrs. Mary Jane Jenkins were recognized for their contributions as "Official Society Photographers."

Applications for emeritus membership were presented for **Drs. Samuel Goldberg, Kenneth Hovanic and John Werning.**

Resident membership applications were presented for the following doctors:

**Drs. Joseph Agnesi, George Antonescu, Aston G. Archibald, Jose Berlioz, Oscar Enriquez, Nina Garritano, Rajiv Goyal, John Hall, Deanna Haun, Paul Hoang, Jae Hong, Olivia Kadoko, Gunjan Kelotra, Husam Kaileh, Mushtaq Khalid, Ronald Kong, Mary Makin, Adel Malati, Mounir Mikhail, Thimmappa Murthy, Gregorio Ramirez, Donata Rechnitzer, Melissa Reynolds, Randy Richter, Rufino Rosal, Ma. Caridad Rosal, Rizk Saqr, John Samuels, Suzana Sarac, Chirag Shah, Richard Shivers, Najeeb Siddique,**

**James Torma, Liem Trang, Alex Tseng, and Kahdi Udobi.**

Under committee reports, the Foundation Loan Program committee chairman, Dr. Norton German, reported that the committee granted four \$1,000 loans to eligible medical students.

The Canfield Fair committee, chaired by Drs. Fred Friedrich and Jack Schreiber, reported that the Society's "Ask the Doctor" booth was again an overwhelming success. The booth featured an exhibit on AIDS.

Under new business, Society President Dr. Jane Butterworth presented the nominating committee chosen by Council. **Dr. James Lambert** was appointed chairman. His committee members included **Drs. Jane Butterworth, Richard Memo, Michael Miladore, Paul Weiss and Nicholas Pappas.** Members were asked to forward all nominations to Secretary Dr. Douglas Goldsmith by October 16, 1992.

It was announced that members would soon receive notices for nominations for the Distinguished Physician Award. The award will be presented at the December meeting to be held December 15 at the Youngstown Club. At that same meeting, officers will be elected.

## NOVEMBER

The Mahoning County Medical Society welcomed the executive director of the State Medical Board of Ohio as a guest speaker for the November meeting held November 16, 1992. Executive Director Ray Bumgarner joined board member Dr. Anand Garg to discuss changes at the State Medical Board. Dr. Garg also served as program chairman for the evening program.

Prior to the dinner meeting, John Basista of Geigy Pharmaceuticals presented a product display.

The membership welcomed new members Drs. Lawrence Schmetterer, Antoine Chahine and Dianne Bitonte Miladore.

The membership accorded emeritus membership to **Drs. Samuel Goldberg, Kenneth Hovanic, and John Werning.**

The members also voted to accept all applicants for resident membership presented at the September meeting. (See September Meeting for names.)

Applications for emeritus membership were presented for **Drs. George Dietz and Marshall Lowry.** The applications will be voted on at the December meeting.

A legislative committee report was presented by chairman Dr. Dan Handel.

Dr. Lambert, chairman of the nominating committee, discussed the upcoming election of officers. Following is the proposed slate of candidates for 1993.

#### SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 1993

President-elect ..... **Chester Amedia**

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                                 **Kevin Nash**

Council Member ..... **Thomas Albani**  
at Large (elect 8) **Thomas Boniface**

**Jenifer Lloyd**

**Richard Marina**

**Anthony Mehle**

**Jeffrey Resch**

**Milo Warner**

**Lyn Yakubov**

Foundation ..... **Rashid Abdu**  
Trustee (elect 2) **C. Conner White**

The membership will receive a list of the nominees by mail, and the slate will be presented at the December meeting. Members may make nominations from the floor at that meeting.

President Dr. Jane Butterworth gave a brief update on the PICO/PIE situation. She announced that members were recently sent updated information from OSMa and from PICO. Letters of intent from PIE were distributed at the meeting. She referred any further questions from the membership to Herb Gillian, senior director of OSMa.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15, at the Youngstown Club. □

## Medical Assistants Earn CEU Credits

**M**edical assistants can earn CEU credits at two upcoming meetings.

A business meeting and lecture are scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at Dr. Zervos' medical annex. The lecture will feature DeMine's surgical appliances.

In February, the Mahoning County Chapter will host a spring seminar for the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants. The seminar will be held February 6-7, 1993, at the Ramada Inn on Belmont Avenue.

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## Dr. Blacklow — New NEOUCOM President

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*- Amended Senate Bill No. 72, Sec. 3350.10, An Act of the Revised Code to create the Northeastern Ohio Universities College, of Medicine, November 23, 1973.*

Twenty years after the establishment of NEOUCOM and its mission, difficult and challenging issues concerning the future direction of the College of Medicine face new NEOUCOM President Robert Blacklow, M.D.

Blacklow, the college's fourth leader, comes to NEOUCOM from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia, where he served for seven years as senior associate dean and professor of medicine.

Twenty-five years of experience in medicine and medical education at Jefferson, Rush Medical College, Chicago, and Harvard Medical School have provided Blacklow with specific insights and philosophies that govern his views on education and medicine.

He speaks warmly of his father, Leo Blacklow, M.D., who, at the age of 87, is still a practicing family physician.

"I learned from my father that it's not

demeaning to ring a doorbell and to give your patient broad and comprehensive care," Blacklow said.

And that is exactly what Dr. Leo



Robert S. Blacklow, MD  
president and dean  
NEOUCOM

Blacklow has been doing for 62 years. According to a recent article in the *Boston Globe*, "When Dr. Leo Blacklow's patients can't get to his office in Belmont or at Mount Auburn Hospital,

he goes to them."

"A family practitioner or other primary care physician deals with all areas of science and has to have a broader knowledge base. That knowledge may not flow as deep as a specialist's, but it CAN flow as deep as you want it to, depending on your patient's problems. You can pursue your curiosity and renew your medical knowledge in any area that your patient has an illness," the new NEOUCOM president said.

A major task, then, according to Blacklow, is "to make sure the message we are giving to students at NEOUCOM is that primary care is an attractive career."

The college must therefore first reaffirm its commitment to primary care. "Is this a goal we can ascribe to, and if it is, then it's time after 20 years to take a good look at whether we have been successful in meeting that goal.

"We must look at these issues in a fresh, new way. It's key for us to keep the social contract we have made."

Specifically, Blacklow said it is important to continue developing educational programs at all levels that support the college's mission in education and health

care.

"The presence of the medical college is a unifying force in medical education and has been a benefit to the area hospitals," Blacklow said, referring specifically to the establishment and strengthening of residency programs and the inter-hospital cooperation in residency education which NEOUCOM has fostered.

"Strong residency programs ensure a continuing supply of well-qualified physicians for this area.

"NEOUCOM is a partnership," Blacklow continued. "The very nature of this institution is partnership among the undergraduate colleges, the medical school and the hospitals."

Blacklow acknowledged, however, that "fulfilling our service mission to northeastern Ohio has been difficult because medical schools don't give care; physicians give care.

"The medical school becomes a moral voice, a persuader, urging the health care system in the direction of better care and utilization of services."

Blacklow praised the innovative programs at NEOUCOM, including primary care clerkships and Human Values in Medicine courses.

"We must not present the doctor as hero. Most of what a physician does is treat, not cure. A doctor helps you deal with the natural causes of disease; he delays it and ameliorates it, but he is not the immediate heroic model.

"As physicians, we cure very little; we help a lot, and we minister always.

"We must teach our students that care is a partnership, education is a partnership," he said.

Blacklow related a story from when his children were young. Blacklow and his wife, Winifred, have three sons, Stephen, Kenneth and David. "They knew that I was

a doctor and that I saw some patients, but not as many as my father. I tried to explain to them exactly what I did. My oldest son, Stephen, (now a resident in pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston), explained it this way: By teaching others, I am actually taking care of many more patients than I ever could," Blacklow said.

The lifelong path of learning and teaching has influenced Blacklow's own views on education.

"The educational process is fraught with barrier after barrier. In this country, education is compartmentalized. Education should be one process, it shouldn't be fragmented. Medicine is among the worst of all. First, you obtain a bachelor's degree, then the M.D., then exams to be licensed to practice, then specialty boards. Medical education is fragmented all along the way."

Blacklow has been involved in developing programs to "overcome this terrible disservice to lifelong education, this fragmentation. This has been a continuing concern of mine for the last 20 years."

Of his many career accomplishments, Blacklow speaks proudly of a program he helped develop at Jefferson, The Jefferson Medical College/University of Delaware Medical Scholars Program, which integrates professional and liberal arts education across the baccalaureate, medical school and residency years.

The new model for medical education is an 11-year curriculum which, according to an article in the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Bulletin, "fuses the pragmatism of science with the insights of liberal arts and links the study of social policy with hands-on experience.

"Its primary goal is to provide a new breed of physicians and health policy planners with the insight and experience needed to identify and deal with critical health care issues in the twenty-first century."

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"Professional education should be a continuum," Blacklow said. "When NEOUCOM was established, it cut down some of those barriers," he said, adding that it is time to evaluate the undergraduate medical education process at NEOUCOM.

"We are not steeped in tradition; we can take the lead in this area. What are the necessary premedical requirements? Perhaps they include economics, an understanding of the health care system and biostatistics - dealing with the population. We have the links at our affiliated institutions to work with us.

"Perhaps we've treated medicine like the four-minute mile... but the idea is to finish the mile, not to get through in four minutes.

"There is a lot more literature now about who chooses primary care. It's evident that students in the six-year track are less likely to choose primary care. Perhaps we need to test the dogma that six years is best, not test the consortial arrangement, but develop a way in which it can be good for everybody - the consortium universities, the medical college, the associated hospitals, and the students we are here to educate.

"An important issue in medical education is how things are taught. Are we teaching our students to be lifelong learners? They can't just memorize everything; in medical school, there's just too much. We must give students the responsibility to be lifelong learners, to learn what is important and what isn't."

The four basic components of medical education, according to Blacklow, are

- 1) the language of medicine
- 2) the body of scientific information
- 3) the skills of the physician to obtain information through interpersonal communication and physical examination

4) all of these things together in order to make a diagnosis and devise a management plan.

Essential to the medical education process is a strong research base.

"The new medical research building offers us a unique opportunity in clinically-related research, collaborative research with clinical faculty in areas which will complement our basic research. Hopefully, we can develop a strong partnership throughout the hospitals in developing this research component.

"Research is how new knowledge is generated. An environment where there is inquiry and the quest after knowledge is very important and faculty members pass this interest on to students. We must continue to expand our research base. It's never going to be the primary driving force at NEOUCOM, but we can continue to develop and focus on areas of interest.

"Considering the size of the institution and the heavy teaching load of our faculty, I am proud of the amount received in competitive funding. However, research funding is special-purpose funding. We shouldn't consider it educational funding, although it certainly enhances the environment and the acquisition of knowledge," Blacklow said.

On the subject of state funding of the medical school, Blacklow acknowledges that "institutions like NEOUCOM, which were founded in the 1970s and developed in the 1980s, when issues of economy of scale were being addressed, already have a certain amount of leanness in their operations. These institutions suffer most from cutbacks.

"Right now we are not in control of our own destiny," Blacklow said, noting the school receives approximately 70 percent of its funding from the state of Ohio.

"I want to make us more in control of

our destiny by having additional and flexible funding sources. We need to explain our needs; it's time we had our place in the sun," he said.

"The support of the hospitals, universities and communities has been great. That's one of the things that attracted me here. And we have been more than good partners to the consortium."

Blacklow equated his role as president and dean to that of a diagnostician: "to find out what the problems are, to seek the best help I can get for deciding options for treatment, and to institute that treatment. That may sound simplistic, but it's the essence of problem-solving. Everybody looks to problem-solving for the quick and easy answers. There are none. To identify the problems may be quick, but the solutions need to be not only for today, but for the years to come."

"What motivates me," Blacklow continued, "is developing programs, seeing something born and getting started and having the momentum to carry it on. That involves being able to motivate people to agree on the areas you want worked on, to get them excited and to watch them grow as they carry on the projects. This involves personal development of people."

"My mission, my calling is to implement a philosophy of education which is a very integrated one. What I've tried to do, everywhere I've been, is to let people grow in that environment by setting the parameters for how they will grow."

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# Phyllis Rich Receives Award

Auxiliary member Phyllis Rich was recently named a YWCA "Woman of the Year." Phyllis received her award in the civic leadership and volunteerism category.

Phyllis is the wife of Society member Dr. Robert R. Rich. The couple reside in Poland and are the parents of four adult children. Two of their offspring are presently attending medical school.

Phyllis has garnered a lengthy and distinguished record of service to her community. She has served on the Poland Board of Education, the Poland All-Sports Boosters, and the Poland Art Show Advisory Board.

Her abiding interest in art has inspired her current two-year term on the advisory board of the Butler Institute.

Phyllis is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Youngstown and has assumed numerous leadership roles within

that service organization, including Town Hall Lecture Series chairperson and administrative vice-president. She also helped organize a traveling history "suitcase" exhibit for Mahoning and Trumbull County schools.



*Phyllis Rich*

An enthusiastic and dedicated Auxiliary member, Phyllis has served as a past president and has chaired the fashion show and drug collection committees. Her fellow Auxiliary members congratulate Phyllis on her award and commend her for all the service she has rendered to her community. □

## Auxiliary News

On November 4, the Mahoning County Medical Auxiliary presented "The Greatest Show on Earth," a fashion extravaganza and Chinese auction. More than 300 people attended the successful fund raiser held at Antone's Banquet Centre. The Auxiliary donated all proceeds to the "Little House," the functional skills training center the Auxiliary helped establish with the Youngstown public school system. Renee Bitonte and Jenny Pichette served as co-chairpersons for the highly entertaining and profitable show.

Thirty Auxiliary members attended

a training workshop on Thursday, November 12, at the Poland United Methodist Church. Those present evaluated their abilities using the Myers Briggs personality inventory. Donna Bocker and Jocelyn Buxman coordinated the event, and Debbie Towns and Rosemary Memo evaluated the test scores.

The Auxiliary held its first annual Mother-Daughter Brunch on Saturday, December 12, at Antone's Banquet Centre. Mary Walton chaired the event which featured a Chinese auction, caroling, and family photo sessions. □



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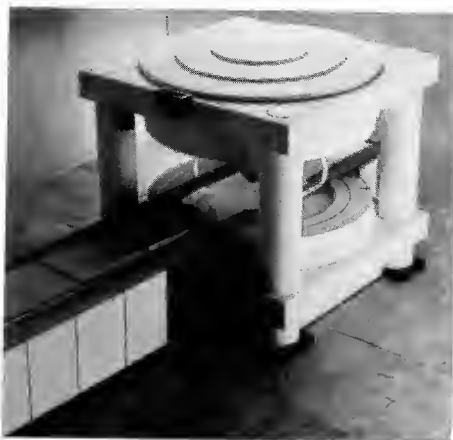
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## **Foundation Completed—Building In Progress?**

**T**he State Medical Board can be proud of its recent success in laying a strong foundation for its future. Instrumental to that success has been the adoption of a clear mission statement, implementation of effective operational procedures, and acquisition of at least minimally adequate resources to do the job.

After enactment of HB769, the most recent Medical Board reform bill, subsequent budgetary increases in 1990 and 1991 supported by the profession have enabled the Board to accomplish things that could only have been dreamed of a few years ago. The addition of a public inquiries group, for instance, fully opened the Board's doors to all licensees and to all Ohioans. Additional enforcement coordinators made it possible for the Board to close more cases identified for formal disciplinary action than were assigned. Even at the height of the summer busy season, additional staff and updated procedures ensured that the license application review process never fell more than two weeks behind application receipt.

The Board's new-found ability to timely issue licenses, to identify potential violations of Ohio law, and to investigate and resolve confirmed violations was made possible largely through the \$60 per biennium renewal fee increase that became effective in 1990. Without the profession's support, this foundation could not have been laid.

But laying a good foundation in the context of state government does not guarantee control over the soundness of the structures that are eventually built upon it. The legislature, the administration and the state bureaucracy all have a significant impact. The Board's caseload and workload continue to grow despite budget cuts. New responsibilities are routinely imposed without concomitant increases in resources.

The Board now faces a budget crisis of such a dimension that it threatens not only

future plans, but also the very foundation upon which any future improvements must be built. The Board may lose up to 25 percent of its staff—15 persons—by January 1, 1993, mostly through layoffs on that date. The impact on present operations could be dramatic, including:

- a 22 percent reduction in the Board's investigative force
- a 33 percent reduction in the Board's licensure staff
- a 50 percent reduction in the Board's hearing officer staff
- a 67 percent reduction in the Board's ability to process incoming complaints and
- the elimination of the Board's ability to effectively monitor the more than 140 practitioners currently on probation with the board.

The result: a return to the "black hole" days of five years ago. If you ask for a license during the peak processing season, very little will appear to happen. If you file a complaint with the Board, nothing will appear to happen.

Once again, the profession will have been wronged. Once again, renewal fees will have been substantially increased with little or no improvement in the services provided by the Board. Once again, understandings will have been reached with government leaders to devote the money from professional fee increases directly to Board operations, only to later see those commitments dissolve.

The only long term solution is to provide fiscal stability and autonomy for the Medical Board by using the licensure and renewal fees physicians pay to directly support operations. After all, those fees don't currently go to cover Board operations; they go to the state's general revenue fund. Every two years, the Board still competes with primary and secondary education, as well as the welfare system, for its share of the general revenue pie. As you might expect, the Medical Board

is not always successful in its competition with such formidable contenders. Unfortunately, it takes something as drastic as exposure by the media to force budget decision makers to pay attention to the Board's needs. The bottom line result over the past six years, board revenues have exceeded expenses by \$1.3 million.

Perhaps the good news is that this impending crisis may provide an excellent opportunity between now and July 1, 1993, for the Board to free itself from its current general revenue fund constraints. This opportunity must not be lost to once and for all eliminate chronic understaffing and the uncontrolled, periodic growth and shrinkage of staff.

Unfortunately, the idea that physicians do not support regulation of their own continues to be prevalent in our society. One need look no further than the recent 48

Hours television broadcast entitled "Bad Medicine" for confirmation. However, I disagree. I believe that physicians do support regulatory efforts, perhaps more so than any other profession. But I also believe that the profession wants to see the fees it pays go to support regulatory efforts, not to serve as a subsidy for government in general. I would hope that the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society will join the Board in supporting adoption of a rotary fund for Board operations in the upcoming biennial budget. In that way, your fees can be allocated directly to Board operations. Only such a change can guarantee that the Board's newly laid foundation will not be continually undermined by fiscal instability. □

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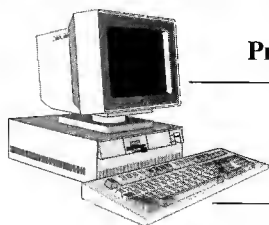
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## "...Thy Name Is Woman"

Original B/W Photograph

Howard C. Rempes (1915 - )

This month's featured artist is Howard C. Rempes, former executive director of the Mahoning County Medical Society and managing editor of the *Bulletin* for 23 years. Howard was born November 28, 1915, in Youngstown and attended local Youngstown schools. He graduated from Youngstown College in 1938 with a BA in Fine Arts. Before college, Howard attended art classes held at the Butler Institute for several years. He is, however, mainly a self-taught photographer, having learned from books and experience.

Howard's first camera was a 620 Boy Scout Brownie, obtained at the age of 16 with cigar and soap coupons. His father was a pharmacist who taught Howard the chemistry of developing. From there, Howard's world of photography was a self-contained realm of taking the photos and developing and printing his own film. During these early years, he entered weekly photo contests at the *Vindicator*, winning \$3 prizes.

Howard's career spans being a teacher at Youngstown College, a photographer for the YMCA, a photo officer during WWII, a promotion manager/photographer for WKBN, a director at WKBN-TV where he (1) was the first cameraman on the first program to air in Youngstown, (2) produced and directed the very popular "Rumpus Room" and (3) became the first television production supervisor. Howard then became a cinematographer doing public relation films in over 40 industrial plants in the Youngstown-Warren area. From there he jumped into the position of executive director of the MCMS.

Now enjoying his retirement years, Howard's wife Eli "keeps me humble by asking what have you done lately? Unfortunately, the answer is 'not much.' I had a knee-joint replacement in 1990 which

stopped me from working in my dark room. We now live in an apartment, and I have just not gotten around to setting up a new darkroom..." yet.

Jim and I recently visited Howard and his lovely wife in their Youngstown apartment. What an eye opener to see the walls covered with his marvelous photos and oil paintings. After a tour of these displays, I sat on his living room floor and feasted my eyes on his portfolio. Many of his photographs resemble etchings and pen-and-inks. He has always worked in black and white photography and considers photography a true art form. His work proves that. While at Youngstown College, he was taught "modern art" at a time when realism was the only accepted form of art by the public. He graduated a conformed "modernist" and today, 60 years later, that form is known as contemporary art. From the first day he picked up a camera, Howard sought subjects with artistic merit and took great pains with the composition and lighting. "In working with a camera, a photographer faces some problems that he has in common with painters. Composition is one of these. Subject matter is another. After that, the photographer's approach differs. He deals in lighting and the resultant shadows. Atmospheric changes become a very important tool in outdoor pictures. Reflections, when creatively utilized, can produce startling results." This is quite evident in the featured photo titled "...Thy Name Is Woman." It took a great deal of thought and preparation to set up this mannequin and light system to create the effect of light and shadows playing "opposites" with one another.

Howard has a favorite story he likes to share about his work. "A writer once told a photographer how much she admired his



Jeannine M. Lambert


work and said 'You must have a wonderful camera.' To which the photographer replied, 'Yes, I admire your novels... You must have a wonderful typewriter.' " A very potent comment to consider when you look at Howard's featured work.

During the years, Howard has entered many photo competitions and won many awards. His work has been featured at the Northeastern Ohio Photo Salon in Canton, Canfield Fair, Mill Creek Park Nature Show, Warren Photographic Society, Butler Art Institute, "In Praise of Arts" at the Unitarian Church, a one-man exhibit at the Young-

stown Playhouse, and most recently his entry was chosen from a field of 50 photos submitted to appear in the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services 1993 Calendar. My regret at this moment is that I can not share with you the incredible talent Howard Rempes displays in all of his photographic work. They encompass such stunning creativity, brilliant handling of light and shadow, simple objects transformed into masterpieces of exquisite beauty, geometric playfulness...quite simply, a lot of ooohs and ahs. He is indeed a master. □

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***Paul E. Krupko, MD • 1915–1992***

**E**steemed family practitioner Dr. Paul E. Krupko of McDonald, Ohio, passed away after a two-year illness. He was 77.

Dr. Krupko was born in Sheppton, Pa. He attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated with a medical degree from Temple University College of Medicine in 1939.

During World War II, Dr. Krupko served in the Army Air Force Medical Corps in the Pacific.

After completing an internship at Williamsport General Hospital, Williamsport, Pennsylvania and at Aultman Hospital in Canton, he started practicing in McDonald in 1945. Dr. Krupko was a staff member at both St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Youngstown Hospital Association. He maintained his practice for 35 years until 1980.

Dr. Krupko was a 50-year member of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and a 25-year member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

His wife of 35 years is Dr. Marie Krupko, an emeritus member of our Society. Besides his wife, Dr. Krupko leaves two daughters, Mrs. Polly Walgren and Mrs. Susan Lewis and three sons, Albert, Dr. John and Dr. Thomas.

***John A. Renner, MD • 1908–1992***

**D**r. John A. Renner, a respected surgeon and ear, nose and throat specialist, passed away earlier this year at the age of 83.

A Rayen School graduate, Dr. Renner earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan in 1931 and his medical degree at the University of Colorado.

After interning at the Youngstown Hospital Association, Dr. Renner completed his surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He later returned to Youngstown and practiced as a general surgeon for 17 years. Dr. Renner then studied at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to become an ear, nose and throat specialist. He returned to Youngstown and practiced his specialty as an associate of Goldcamp, Bierkamp and Peabody from 1957 to 1972.

From 1972 to 1978, Dr. Renner worked as an emergency room physician at St. Elizabeth Hospital. For many years, he was a staff physician for the Mahoning County Nursing Home and also a medical director for the Alcoholic Clinic in Youngstown. During World War II, he served as a navy surgeon and was later a staff medical officer in the Youngstown Naval Reserve.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, the former Margaret Hartman, and two children, a son, Dr. John A. Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Bow Nicholson.

***Edward M. Thomas, MD • 1916–1992***

**W**ell-known urologist Dr. Edward M. Thomas recently passed away at the age of 76. Dr. Thomas practiced in Youngstown for 31 years before retiring to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 1981.

Dr. Thomas attended Ohio State University and earned his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School in 1942. After serving a one-year internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, he interrupted his medical career to serve as a medical officer and paratrooper during World War II, first with the 490th Paratroop Division in France and later with the 82nd Paratroop Division in the Battle of The Bulge. After the war, he completed a three-year residency in urology at Northwestern's Wesley Memorial Hospital, where he also served as an instructor. Dr. Thomas then returned to Youngstown, his birthplace, and set up his practice downtown. During a lengthy career, he earned the admiration of his patients and colleagues.

Dr. Thomas leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Hiney, and children, Ms. Suzanne and Dick.

*During long careers, Dr. Krupko, Dr. Renner and Dr. Thomas served their country, their colleagues and their patients with great skill and consummate dedication.*



## At A Glance...



**"The Greatest Show On Earth"** — Ginny Pichelle and Cherri Garcia.



**"The Greatest Show On Earth"** — Rose Mary Memo and Linda Evan.



**November Society Meeting** - Dr. Anand Garg and Ray Bumgarner, Speaker.



**"The Greatest Show On Earth"** - Mary Walton, Sara Rich, OSMA Auxiliary President and Dolly Handel.



**September Society Meeting** - Dolly Handel and Beth Bacani.



**September Society Meeting** - John Van Doorn, Speaker.



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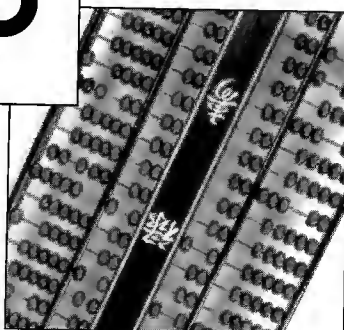


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### Change

Change is defined as "to cause to be different; alter. To give a completely different form or appearance to; transform." This was and continues to be the theme for President-elect William Clinton. His campaign was based upon the need for change in American society. President-elect Clinton made health care reform a priority for change. He has stated that within the first 100 days of his administration it is his hope to bring forth proposals for health care reform in this country. This has been echoed by Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. Senator Robert Dole, minority leader, has stated, however, that any changes in health care reform will be slow in coming because of the complex nature of the issue. Needless to say, changes will occur and physicians must be at the forefront in helping to formulate those changes.

Various interest groups, that is federal and state government, industry, labor unions, small business, and the elderly, are looking forward to changes in health care reform. It is essential that physicians unite and become a proactive force in formulating changes in the health care industry. It is unreasonable to believe that health care reform won't take place because of issues like the burgeoning budget deficit. It is to be hoped that Senator Dole is correct in stating that health care reform will come only after a protracted discussion and debate.

Not only at the federal level, but at the state level, health care reform is being debated. House Bill 478 still is being discussed in conference committee, and it is the hope of the legislators involved that health care reform in some fashion will be introduced at the state level. It seems certain that mandatory Medicare assignment will come into being with the passage of House Bill 478. The glut of onerous provisions that was initially within both the House and Senate versions of House Bill 478 has been stricken due to the vigorous efforts of OSMA. Another house bill which deals with health care reform would require mandatory Medicaid participation on the part of all physicians within the state of Ohio. This is being actively opposed by the Ohio State Medical Association. It becomes apparent that physicians must become part of the solution and not take a passive position with

reference to health care reform. With this in mind, the OSMA is in the process of preparing a health care reform package to present to the Ohio state legislature.

Physicians must become politically informed, to not do so is to be negligent. Numerous state and federal health care legislative issues abound. Get to know what the issues are, formulate an opinion and act upon it. The OSMA legislative committee is constantly reviewing health care issues that are brought out by the state legislature. Check with the OSMA with reference to health care issues which are on the agenda. Even ask your state and congressional representatives for information regarding the numerous health care proposals. Bring your concerns and your ideas to your legislators and especially express these to your local and state medical society representatives.

If you are not currently a member of the OSMA or AMA, please become one. Help support these groups in helping to properly shape health care reform in this country. Your support of these organizations especially through their PAC contributions is extremely important. It is money that will be well spent. OSMA thus far has been highly effective in its efforts to blunt the onerous provisions of previous health care issues. The financial resources acquired through PAC contributions are the primary means by which the OSMA and AMA can effectively dialogue with the legislators. The PAC contributions serve as a means by which access to the legislator can be achieved. This does not mean that the PAC contribution buys the legislators' vote. It does provide a means for access so that the concerns of the medical community can be discussed.

It cannot be stated enough how successful the OSMA has been thus far in dealing with the health care issues before the state legislature. Your financial support to OMPAC is strongly encouraged and frankly necessary to continue the good work which is being achieved through the efforts of the OSMA. Make this financial contribution your first proactive step in dealing with the health care reform issues of our state and country. □

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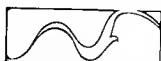
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## **Dr. Samuel Goldberg Honored by the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way**

**D**r. Samuel Goldberg, who recently retired from private practice, was recognized at the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way Leadership Club reception on October 21 at Antone's Banquet Centre.

The Leadership Club recognizes all members at the annual reception. This year, the reception was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. H.S. Wang and Dr. and Mrs. Albert Cinelli. More than 120 guests attended.

Dr. Wang presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Goldberg for his efforts in coordinating the physician's United Way campaign at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center for the past fifteen years. Dr. Wang credited Dr. Goldberg with the past success of the campaign and commented, "He is the one that got me involved in United Way."

After accepting the award, Dr. Goldberg commented that he hopes personal solici-



*Dr. Wang presents a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Goldberg at the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way Leadership Club reception.*

tation of the physicians will be possible by United Way as this is the most effective way. He also stated that the physicians are an important part of the campaign success and hoped they will continue to support the campaign as in the past.

Dr. Goldberg ended his remarks by thanking Dr. Wang and Dr. Cinelli for their commitment to the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way as evidenced by their hosting the Leadership Club reception.

### ***Update —***

## **SRF Refunds Due Next Year**

**I**n January 1993, the Ohio Department of Insurance will start notifying eligible physicians and hospitals of refunds for participants in the Stabilization Reserve Funds. Physicians and hospitals must submit claims to the Ohio Department of Insurance.

The Department of Insurance will place public notices in local newspapers to publish the names of SRF participants the department could not lo-

cate. Those physicians will then have a 180-day window to submit their claims.

The OSMA assisted the department in its search for current addresses of the physicians who contributed to the SRF fund.

*Medical Staff Bulletin* and *Ohio Medicine* will keep you posted on where to obtain claim forms and any other pertinent information.



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### 60 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1932

Because of the Depression, the dues were reduced from \$15 to \$10. Since the state got \$5, that left only \$5 per member to run the Society. New members were **Samuel J. Tamarkin** and **Peter Boyle**.

### 50 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1942

It was a dark November with so many members gone to the military and the rest overworked. Gasoline and tires were rationed. The president and the president-elect were both on active duty. **Elmer Nagel** was voted president-elect and took office immediately for two years. Secretary **George McKelvey** reported that of 231 active members, 64 were in military service. **Paul Harvey** and **Ray Fenton** went up to Cleveland and tried to get into the Navy, but they didn't make it.

### 40 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1952

World War II was over, but now we were involved in the Korean Conflict, a United Nations "police action." Since July 1951, 3,238 physicians had been called up in the doctor draft, and the Defense Department was calling for 544 more by January. President Truman was pushing for compulsory health insurance, which the medical profession labeled "socialized medicine."

New members were **Edmund A. Massulo**, **James L. Smeltzer**, **Milan Halmos**, **Robert E. Jenkins** and **Robert W. Parry**. **Dr. Armin Elsaesser** passed away. He was a pioneer goiter surgeon of his time.

### 30 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1962

The first meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on November 13, 1872, and **Louis Deitchman** reprinted the minutes of this first meeting and then went on to paint a mental picture of Youngstown as it probably looked at that time. President John Kennedy's administration won a few more democratic seats in the Congress to help in his fight for the proposed Medicare

law. The December issue had a holiday cartoon done by Editor **Ben Berg**. New members in November were **J.S. Bates**, **Robert Brocker**, **K.A. Hoffman**, **Carl Klodell**, **David Silver**, **John Tullai**, **J.R. Serrano** and **Michael Vuksta**. New members in December were **J.J. Anderson**, **H. Paul Bauer**, **H.P. Hassel**, **Englebert Hecker**, **Nicholas Kastellorios**, **Paul Longaker**, **Angelo Riberi**, **John McConahay** and **Nelson Melnick, Jr.**

### 20 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1972

On November 13 of this year, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Mayor Jack Hunter declared the week "Mahoning County Medical Society Week." Actress Elizabeth Hartman performed at Powers Auditorium in an original play created for the occasion. A new street on the southside was named "**Dutton Street**" after Youngstown's first physician. New members were **Simon Basile**, **John Conti**, and **Karl Wieneke**. **George Coe** and **Herman Zeve** were awarded 50 year pins.

### 10 Years Ago — Nov./Dec. 1982

Medicare was now an established institution, and we were learning to live with it. Editor **Dick Juvancic** growled about the new D.R.G. concocted to hold down hospital costs. **Jack Schreiber** was named "Doctor of the Year." □



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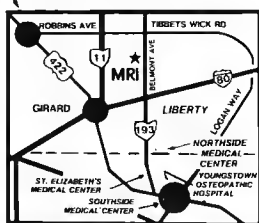
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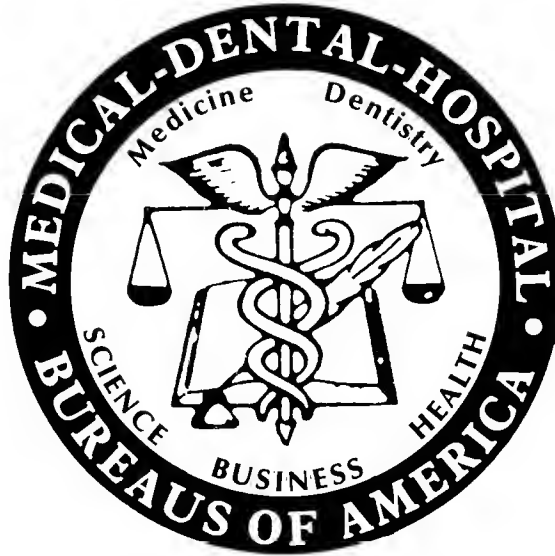


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